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1. EMBASSY HAS STAFF AND SPACE (IN TRADE CENTER) TO HOST THREE INDUSTRIAL MISSIONS CONCURRENTLY. OF THE FIVE MISSIONS LISTED IN PARA 2 OF REFTEL, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT FOLLOWING THREE MISSIONS COME TO TAIPEI: ADVANCED SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT, MACHINE TOOLS AND METALWORKING MACHINERY, AND FOOD PROCESSING PACKAGING EQUIPMENT. OTHER TWO INDUSTRY GROUPINGS ARE ALSO VIABLE FOR PROMOTION BUT ARE ALREADY BEING COVERED BY MAJOR TRADE CENTER SHOWS DURING SAME TIME FRAME. TRADE CENTER WILL HAVE SHOW ON COMPUTER AND RELATED EQUIPMENT (COMPUTECH 78) SEPTEMBER 11-15, AND SHOW ON PRINTING AND GRAPHIC ARTS, NOVEMBER 6-10.

2. REGARDING SIZE OF MISSIONS, TRADE CENTER CAN HANDLE 30 PEOPLE COMFORTABLY IN SINGLE BOOTHS BY USING EXHIBIT AREA AND CONFERENCE ROOM. IF MORE THAN 30 PEOPLE COME, SOME BOOTHS WOULD HAVE TO BE CONFIGURED FOR DOUBLE
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OCCUPANCY. ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO SEND SOME MEMBERS OF MISSION ON MACHINE TOOLS AND METALWORKING MACHINERY TO KAOHSIUNG AND SOME MEMBERS OF FOOD PROCESSING AND PACKAGING EQUIPMENT MISSION TO TAICHUNG, WHERE CENTERS OF THOSE TWO INDUSTRIES ARE LOCATED. GIVEN COMPACTNESS OF TAIWAN, LOGISTICS OF PROGRAMMING DOWN-ISLAND VISITS CAUSE NO PROBLEMS.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING AS FAR IN ADVANCE AS POSSIBLE IF MISSIONS WILL BE COMING TO TAIWAN, AND IF SO, HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL BE INVOLVED. OCTOBER 10 IS MAJOR ROC HOLIDAY AND HOTELS WILL BE JAMMED WITH VISITORS FOR DAYS BEFORE AND AFTER THAT DATE. IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO MAKE RESERVATIONS ASAP.

4. IF MISSIONS MATERIALIZE, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF ORGANIZERS OF SOUTH CAROLINA IOGA TRADE MISSION SCHEDULED FOR TAIPEI OCTOBER 14-18 COULD BE INFORMED THAT TIME HAS BEEN PREEMPTED BY USDOC-SPONSORED MISSIONS.
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